

How to revise

Revision is a vital part of preparation. It is best undertaken throughout the year but as that isn't likely to happen, the question is how I pass in the next few weeks.

Swat what does it mean?

Who knows, I know it means hard work and it is boring. Also it is essential.

How do I swat?

Reading your notes and doing problems isn't enough you must try to understand the information. Therefore some ideas of the processes you should look to go through for revision.

- Reading your notes. Yes it can help but more is needed.
Perhaps while reading you can on a separate sheet of paper summarise the key points from the concept.
Read your notes into a tape recorder to be played back at a later date. It has been shown that listening and reading at the same time can assist information uptake.
- Writing out your notes over and over again may help. Summarising them into your own words will be of more benefit. Remember that you are the one who has to remember the information.
- Diagrams, to summarise information. When you feel you have an understanding of a subject creating a flowchart or diagram can be beneficial.
- Cheat sheets, make a sheet of your strengths and weakness and attempt to focus on weakness.
- Create a key word list
- Write out your own problems while reading notes

I was just planning to do problems. That's enough ah.

Problems are crucial for learning as that is how your knowledge is being assessed. But to be good at doing problems you must practice the way you want to perform, PERFECTLY.

- Step one after revising test yourself with a series of simple problems. These can be created while you were revising as part of the note activities.
- Get into the habit of producing answers that are in the form of a sentence. This is a good time to use your key word list to explain what you are writing
- Step two. Do a series of problems. As you become stuck go back to your own revision sheets to answer it. If you are still stuck then go back to original notes and text book. As a last resort contact a mate or teacher.
- Step three. Do a series of problems and mark at the end. Remember mark hard and focus on using keywords to explain your ideas.
- Step four. Do a series of problems under exam situations these should vary in length from 20-60 minutes in length. This means no music no notes and no interruptions.

I was just going to cram the night before.

This does not work

The night before should be a time for reflection and light note reading. Make sure you get a good night sleep and eat a low fat tea and breakfast. Too many stimulates (coke, V, or coffee are not good).

Can I listen to music? Only if it does not distract you too much. If you do make sure it isn't the radio and try to study to the same type of music e.g. the same artist.

Good luck

Study is important!!!!!!

You wont just fluke it!